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Lauren Bovis Memorial Scholarship Endowment 2019 Recipients - Doris Etong and Adaeze Akubueze

Doris and Adaeze, both international students here at EIU, are our 2019 recipients of the Lauren Bovis Scholarship. Doris is from Cameroon and will graduate in 2021 with a degree in business administration. Adaeze is from Nigeria and will graduate in 2020, majoring in clinical psychology.

Service, Love, People, Community, Hope, Laughter
by Adaeze Akubueze

When I think about my spring break in 2019, these are the words that will always come to mind. As an international student in America, it was such a privilege to go into the community with six other students and be in service to the community of East St. Louis. There, my team members and I worked with children at Sister Thea Bowman Catholic School, Roosevelt After School Program, The Soup Kitchen, the thrift store and the law firm. Working in these locations gave me the opportunity to serve, teach, and learn. Oh My!



Adaeze playing with children on the school playground



Doris talking with students at Sister Thea Bowman Catholic School

The children have so many dreams and plans. They need role models like myself to constantly motivate them and remind them that the world has so many positive sides to it. I had the opportunity to encourage them to work hard for a bright tomorrow. I also taught them a lot about my country and culture. A fun part for me was when I taught the children an African-Nigerian dance, amongst other activities. The enthusiasm with which they learned, danced, and asked questions about my country was very applaudable.

Very importantly, I learned from this experience. I learned that even in such a harsh environment, there is the light of God shining through each and every child there. I also learned from members of the community, like Joe Hubbard and his team, who believe in East St. Louis and remain there, constantly helping and providing for the less privileged in the community. This taught me how important service is. Even a smile can change a life, and that changed life can change the world.

Again, I am so grateful to the Newman Catholic Community for such an opportunity and for the Lauren Bovis Memorial Scholarship for sponsoring my trip and enabling me to be the best I could be during the spring break.



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"80% OF THOSE WHO LEAVE THE CATHOLIC FAITH DO SO BY AGE 23."

— FAITH IN FLUX: CHANGES IN THE RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION IN THE USA (PEW, 2009)

This statistic emphasizes the importance of the Newman Catholic Community and our mission!

Are you interested in making a donation? Would you like to choose where your donation goes? We make that easy for you!

- ⇒ Lauren Bovis Memorial Scholarship Endowment— This scholarship is currently awarded annually to two students to attend a mission trip.
- ⇒ Dr. Ann Jackson Catholic Scholars Endowment— This scholarship is awarded to students who want to deepen their knowledge of their faith by attending

faith-based classes at Newman.

- ⇒ Dr. Julian Hamerski Leadership Award Endowment— This annual award is given to outstanding leaders here at Newman and elsewhere. These leaders are recognized at our annual Newman Night.
- ⇒ Jeff and Karen Boshart Summer of Excellence Endowment— This scholarship is awarded to one student who wants to spend their summer doing mission work.
- ⇒ If you prefer, you can make an unspecified gift. This donation will be applied to help with our Student Volunteer Center, After School Program, Busy Person's Retreat, small groups, or student leadership training.

If you would like to make a difference by donating, you can support any of these endowments by writing the name in the memo field. Another option includes joining the Living Faith Society (monthly donor program). Please call Maureen or Chelsey at (217) 348-0188 if you have any questions.

2019 Citizen of the Year



On Saturday, January 26th, our very own Roy Lanham was recognized with an award some of us believe he should receive every year. The award is given by the Charleston Area Chamber of Commerce. The annual celebration was held in the Grand Ballroom at EIU. Community members, employees, alumni, faculty, and friends turned out to celebrate this award and the evening with Roy.

Part of the article from the Journal Gazette-Times Courier that ran on January 27, 2019:

CHARLESTON — After more than 30 years of work in Charleston, Roy Lanham thinks it's the only place for his endeavors.

That wasn't the original plan for the director and campus minister at the Newman Center in Charleston. But as the years went on, he found that is was a place where people care about their community, somewhere he could do his part.

"I could not imagine doing it anywhere else," Lanham said Saturday while accepting the Charleston Area Chamber of Commerce's Citizen of the Year Award.

"I didn't imagine I'd stay in Charleston but now I can't imagine being planted anywhere else," he said.

Award Presenter Matt Piescinski told the audience at the chamber's annual dinner that Lanham came to Charleston to build the Newman Center.

Work over the next three decades included opening the Hedwig Houses of hospitality, mission trips to Haiti and counseling "countless" students and others, Piescinski said.

"He cares too much, he does too much and he loves too much," Piescinski said. "It gives us all comfort to know someone has his eyes open."

Our Vision Statement: *To invite the EIU Community into transforming relationships with Christ and one another, empowering all to create a lasting impact in the world.*



Look who we found at the SEEK Conference! Grant Manning '19, Roy Lanham, Jackie Jones '19, Jessica Runde '17, '20, Sean Hussey '17, David Lauzon '18, Quinn Hussey '14, Sr. Kara Davis, D.C. '12, '14, Will Giroux '18, Doris Nordin, & Daniel McGrath ex '19



Women's book club (currently reading *More than a Pretty Face*) with our very own Emily Rogers '16, Erin Zurek '21, Jessica Anderson '22, Kate Mushinsky '20 with Michael Rogers, Amber Salutric '20, and our development intern, Chelsey Huttmacher '16, '19



Sr. Kara Davis, D.C. '12, '14 - An evening of "Discerning Your Call" with students



Zachary Samples (left) '14, '16 takes part in mass during the 2019 SEEK Conference



Four of the six RCIA students—Kim Segura, Jagoda Szostakiewicz '20, Lookman Olowo '19, & Diana Rogel '20



Dustin McMillan '19, Anna Hemrich '22, and Alaina Bisailon '22 attending Saints & Suds in the catacombs of Newman

Graced moments from students who attended the 2019 SEEK conference...

"Only God can give us the perfect love we are meant for. Those around us and the things of this world will always fall short and leave us yearning for more, so we need to find ourselves and our meaning in God to find true love and contentment." *Jessica Runde*

"I've always heard that God is the only thing that will truly fulfill you, but SEEK has helped me to finally find peace and understanding in that. Since then, I've been able to take a lot of the pressure off myself, and those around me to be who I need to rely on since Christ is really the only one who I can fully 100% rely on. Also, the Holy Spirit is crazy cool!" *Claire Overland*

"I remember hearing a lot about the Holy Spirit and how it brings us power in our normal lives. We don't just try to live lives without sin, faith makes us want to do great things and share it, not compromising with anything that makes us want to do less!" *Ben Hahn*

"I found it in adoration at SEEK. I learned that all of my problems, wants and desires should never be placed above our Lord. Everything I have here on earth that I put my time and effort into will never compare to what God can offer me, not only through the Eucharist but also through his mercy and forgiveness. I found peace in the fact that earth is not our permanent home. He has prepared a place for us. A place that is worth our issues and struggles." *Emily Morgan*

"Being able to encounter Jesus as my friend and remember the joy that comes from His presence and friendship." *Amanda Wolk*

2019 Spring Ring Callers



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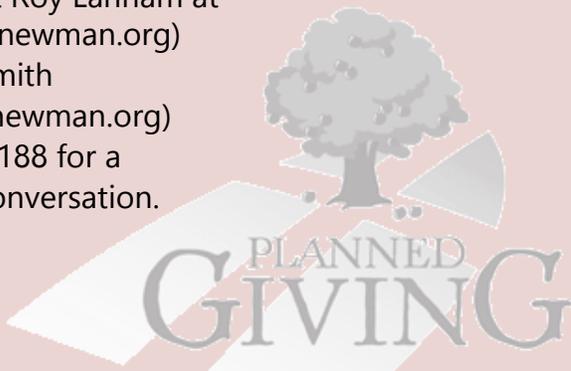


Our annual Phone-A-Thon was held in the Newman basement from January 22nd through March 5th. We are so grateful for all 254 of you who answered and said "yes" to our callers and to the 105 who are considering a donation.

If you missed a call and would still like to donate, please use the attached envelope and write "**Phone-A-Thon**" in the memo field of your check.

Our 15 very hard-working students called over 8,000 donors and reached over \$13,000 in pledges!

As we demonstrate our devotion to God this Lenten Season, we are reminded to be stewards of our faith. By providing a planned gift, you leave a sign of your commitment to continue the good work of the Newman Catholic Community. To discuss how you can make a gift to Newman, please contact Roy Lanham at (rlanham@eiunewman.org) or Maureen Smith (msmith@eiunewman.org) at (217) 348-0188 for a confidential conversation.



SAVE THE DATE!

*REMEMBERING OUR PAST. CELEBRATING OUR PRESENT.
ENSURING OUR FUTURE.*

NEWMAN NIGHT

— SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2019 —

4:30 PM - MASS
5:30 PM - SOCIAL HOUR & SILENT AUCTION
6:30 PM - DINNER & GREETINGS
8:30 - 11:00 PM - DANCE WITH D.J.

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Or email us at newman@eiunewman.org

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